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SUBJECT: COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES PRESS STATEMENT ON SEATO
PHASE-OUT

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE AGREED TEXT OF THE SEATO COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES PRESS STATEMENT ABOUT PHASE-OUT OF THE ORGANIZATION. STATEMENT WILL BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS IN BANGKOK AFTERNOON OF JUNE 29 FOR APPEARANCE IN NEWSPAPERS ON JUNE 30 AND IS BEING SENT TO CAPITALS OF MEMBER NATIONS FOR SIMILAR RELEASE. DEPT MAY WISH TO MAKE TEXT AVAILABLE FOR JUNE 30 MEDIA APPEARANCE AS APPROPRIATE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: BANGKOK, 30 JUNE 1977

3. TODAY THE PHASE-OUT OF THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA TREATY ORGANIZATION, ESTABLISHED BY THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA COLLECTIVE DEFENCE TREATY (MANILA PACT), HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

4. THIS RESULTS FROM THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF SEATO, THE HIGHEST GOVERNING BODY OF THE ORGANIZATION COMPRISING MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, THE PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE
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UNITED STATES, WHICH WAS REACHED AT THE COUNCIL'S TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING IN NEW YORK ON 24 SEPTEMBER 1975.

5. IT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS OVER THE YEARS MADE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION TO STABILITY AND SECURITY IN THE REGION. THE ORGANIZATION ALSO HAS PLAYED A COMPLEMENTARY ROLE IN THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC FIELDS WHICH

HAS LED TO AN IMPROVED STANDARD OF LIVING AMONGST THE RURAL POPULATIONS IN THE REGION. THE SOCIAL BENEFITS WHICH HAVE ACCRUED TO CITIZENS OF THE REGIONAL MEMBER COUNTRIES THROUGH SEATO'S PROGRAMMES ARE THE MORE EVIDENT AND LASTING ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION, SOME OF WHICH WILL CONTINUE ON A STRICTLY BILATERAL BASIS.

6. THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES, IN THEIR LAST SCHEDULED MEETING ON 22 JUNE 1977, EXPRESSED, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, THEIR APPRECIATION TO THE SECRETARIES-GENERAL AND SECRETARIAT STAFF, PAST AND PRESENT, OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE EXEMPLARY MANNER IN WHICH THEY HAVE CARRIED OUT THEIR DUTIES AND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND FOR HAVING BEEN THE HOST TO SEATO DURING ITS EXISTENCE AND FOR ALL THE FACILITIES EXTENDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND TO THE ORGANIZATION. END TEXT.
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